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# REQUEST FORM FOR APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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DOCKET NUMBER: 041-1972A  
Prior Application: 08/956,585  
Art Unit: 2714  
Examiner: P. Natnael

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No.

08/956,585, filed on October 23, 1997, entitled DIGITAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM USING VIRTUAL CHANNELS, by the following named inventors: Ryota TSUKIDATE et al.

1. ☒ I hereby state that the enclosed application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application Serial No. 08/956,585.

2. Oath or Declaration

- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
i. ☐ Deletion of inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

3. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

4. ☒ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

5. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.


6. ☐ Cancel claims .

7. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	9	MINUS 20	0	x \$18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3	0	x \$78 =	\$ 0.00
Basic Application Fee					\$ 690.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$260.00					\$0.00
Total Application Fee					\$ 690.00
Subtract 1/2 if small entity					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$ 690.00</b>
<b>AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 50-120</b>					<b>\$690.00</b>

- 7a. ☐ Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 7b. ☐ A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
8. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1209.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This application is a Continuation of Application Serial No. 08/956,585 filed October 23, 1997.—
10. ☒ Priority of Application Serial No. 8-279756 filed on October 23, 1996 in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority document(s) were filed in Serial No. 08/956,585 on October 23, 1997
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.
12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:  
  
Israel Gopstein, Registration No.. 27,333 formerly of the former firm of LOWE PRICE LEBLANC & BECKER
13. ☒ Also enclosed:  
  
8 pages of drawings.
14. ☒ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until June 23, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

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